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FOR JURICH FROM AMBASSADOR ISHAM

GENEVA FOR PHELAN

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETRD, HA

SUBJECT: BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT

REF: STATE 001060

1. I DISCUSSED THE POINTS CONTAINED IN PARA 3 OF REFTTEL WITH FOURCAND FRIDAY, STRESSING THE IMPORTANT CONCESSIONS MADE BY THE U.S. SINCE ORIGINAL MEMORANDUM WAS INITIALED AS WELL AS THE DANGERS TO HAITIAN EXPORTS IF MEMORANDUM IS NOT FORMALIZED IN NEAR FUTURE. POINTS WERE MADE ORALLY, AND ALSO IN TALKING PAPER LEFT WITH FORUCAND FOR STUDY.

2. ACCORDING TO FOURCAND, HE IS ATTENDING BOGOTA MEETING PARTIALLY TO OBTAINS VIEWS OF OTHER COUNTRIES, BUT CHIEFLY SO HE WILL BE ABLE TO DEMONSTRATE TO HAITIAN INDUSTRIALISTS (WHOSE PRESSURE TO OBTAIN BETTER TEMS HAS BEEN RELENTLESS) THAT HOG EXAMINED EVERY POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE BEFORE EVENTUALLY AGREEING TO MEMORANDUM AS NEGOTIATED. FOURCAND SAID HE WOULD REPORT TO PRESIDENT ON TALKS AND PRESENT HIS RECOMMENDATIONS IMMEDIATELY UPON HIS RETURN (JANUARY 15). HE ASSURED ME THAT, REGARDLESS OF DECISIONS OF  
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OTHER LATIN COUNTRIES, HE PLANS TO RECOMMEND TO PRESIDENT THAT

GOH PROCEED TO SIGN AGREEMENT AS NEGOTIATED AND AMENDED.  
FOURCAND PROPOSED JANUARY 20 AS TARGET DATE FOR EXCHANGE OF NOTES.

3. FOURCAND THEN ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY POSSIBILITY U.S. COULD GIVE ADDITIONAL ASSURANCES WITH RESPECT TO EQUAL TREATMENT FOR HAITI, EITHER IN TEXT OF NOTE OR IN SEPARATE LETTERS, WHICH WOULD RELIEVE APPREHENSIONS THAT HAITI, AS FIRST TO SIGN IN LA, WOULD BE MADE SACRIFICIAL LAMB. HE SUGGESTED A STATEMENT ALONG FOLLOWING LINES: "IF WITHIN THREE MONTHS FROM DATE OF EXCHANGE OF NOTES, SIMILAR MULTIFIBER AGREEMENTS ARE NOT SIGNED WITH COUNTRIES IN A SIGNIFICANT COMPETITIVE POSITION VIS-A-VIS HAITI IN THE U.S. MARKET, THE U.S. WILL GIVE HAITIAN EXPORTS TREATMENT SIMILAR TO THAT GIVEN TO THOSE OTHER COUNTRIES." I TOLD FOURCAND THAT SAFEGUARDS WERE ALREADY PROVIDED HAITI BOTH IN THE SECTION OF THE AGREEMENT PROVIDING FOR CONSULTATION AND IN THE PROVISIONS OF THE MULTILATERAL ARRANGEMENT ON TRADE IN TEXTILES, AND THAT I STRONGLY DOUBTED THAT ANY CHANGES COULD BE MADE IN THE TEXT OF THE NOTE. I PROMISED HOWEVER TO QUERY WASHINGTON ABOUT A POSSIBLE EXCHANGE OF LETTERS.

4. I LOOK FORWARD TO DISCUSSING WITH DEPT WHILE IN WASHINGTON JANUARY 6-9 FORMULATION THAT WOULD HELP GOH DEFEND ITSELF FROM ITS VOCIFEROUS AND LOCALLY POWERFUL CRITICS IN TEXTILE INDUSTRY WHILE REMAINING CONSISTENT WITH BASIC TERMS OF AGREEMENT AS INITIALED.  
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